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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Fields *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Serial No. 09/171,432 ) Examiner: Zechariah Lucas  
Filed: November 23, 1998 ) Confirmation No. 8029  
For: ANTIGENICALLY REACTIVE )  
REGIONS OF THE HEPATITIS A )  
VIRUS POLYPROTEIN )

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.  
Customer No. 23859

September 8, 2003

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

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| <u>  X  </u> | Two Months   | \$410.00   | (\$205.00)* |
| _____        | Three Months | \$930.00   | (\$465.00)* |
| _____        | Four Months  | \$1,450.00 | (\$725.00)* |
| _____        | Five Months  | \$1,970.00 | (\$985.00)* |

\* Small Entity

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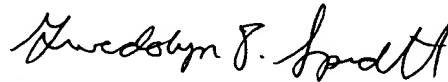
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Respectfully submitted,

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.

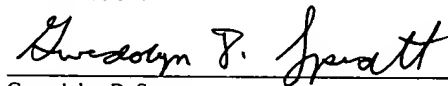


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